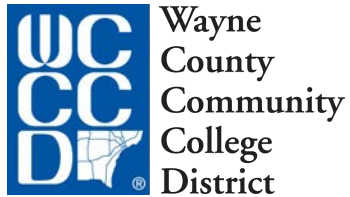


## About the Board of Police Commissioners

The Board of Police Commissioners provides community-led oversight of the Police Department. Detroit residents created the Board to “head” the Police Department as part of the 1974 City Charter. The original Board had five Police Commissioners appointed by the Mayor. The current Charter gives the Board “supervisory control and oversight” of the Department. It also expanded the Board to 11 Police Commissioners, with seven elected by district and four appointed. The Board meets each week, except for some holidays. Since 1974, all Police Commissioners have served as volunteers.

**About the Youth Advisory Panel:** The Board approved a resolution in May 2022 to establish the Youth Advisory Panel to help engage 15-24 year olds in community-led oversight and police accountability. Panel members review police policy, attend BOPC meetings, and host or participate in activities that support effective community policing and youth safety. The Panel has at least seven members to reflect the seven electoral districts for Police Commissioners; the 2026 Panel has over 20. Panel members are selected annually from applications due each September 30th. ■ [www.detroitmi.gov/BOPC](http://www.detroitmi.gov/BOPC)



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The Youth Advisory Panel of the Board of Police Commissioners in collaboration with Wayne Law and Wayne County Community College District presents:



## Youth & Police Chiefs Forum

Lewis Education Center  
WCCCD Northwest Campus

Saturday, April 18, 2026  
11am-1pm

part of the community series  
**Young People & 21st Century Policing**

## Welcome

### BOPC Youth Advisory Panel

**Special Remarks and Recognitions**  
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### Introduction of Panelists by YAP Moderators

*Todd A. Bettison, Chief of Police, City of Detroit*

*Tamika Jenkins, Chief of Police, City of Inkster*

*Elvin Barren, Chief of Police, City of Southfield*

*Col. James Grady II, Director of Michigan State Police*

### Symposium Panel

*Opening Remarks by Panelists*

*Question & Answer Session*

*Closing Remarks by Panelists*

### YAP Call to Action

**- Youth and Community Opportunities**

### Refreshments

## Police Chiefs Panel



**Chief Todd A. Bettison** is the 44th Chief of Police for the City of Detroit. He had a distinguished 27-year career at the Detroit Police Department, retiring as 1st Assistant Chief of Police – the second highest ranking member of the department – before accepting the position of Deputy Mayor in

2021. He returned to the Police Department as interim Chief in late 2024 prior to his permanent appointment in February. Chief Bettison is highly regarded and deeply respected for his leadership skills, management ability and strong connection with the community. He holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in Criminal Justice and a graduate business certificate from the Mike Ilitch School of Business.



**Colonel James F. Grady II** is the 20th Director of the Michigan State Police. Since joining the MSP in 1998 as a trooper, he has served with distinction as he rose through the ranks. Prior to his appointment to MSP Director by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in 2023, he was captain of the training division. Colonel

Grady holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and criminology from Eastern Michigan University and is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration degree from Cleary University. As MSP Director, Col. Grady also serves as Director of Emergency Management and as Michigan's Homeland Security Director.



**Chief Tamika Jenkins**, a distinguished law enforcement executive with a 20-year career noted for innovations and community-oriented policing, became the City of Inkster's first black female police chief in January 2025. Chief Jenkins is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and

Command. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration. A Pontiac native, she began her career with the Pontiac Police Department before joining the Detroit Public Schools Police Department, where she retired before joining Inkster as a commander in 2023.



**Chief Elvin Barren** became the City of Southfield's Chief of Police in 2019. Chief Barren served 21 years with the Detroit Police Department and held top leadership roles before retiring as a Deputy Chief. He is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police and the FBI's Leadership in

Counter-Terrorism Program and the Senior Management Institute for Police. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he served eight years as an Operations Specialist. Chief Barren is an alumni of Central Michigan and Bowling Green State Universities, and holds three degrees, including a Masters of Science. Chief Barren is known for positively changing the direction of the Southfield Police Department.